

III. REMARKS

In the specification, the amended paragraphs have been amended for typographical errors and does not constitute new matter.

Claims 1-6 and 8-17 are under consideration in the present application. Claims 7 and 18 have been canceled. Claims 1,2, 5, 6, 9 – 11, and 16 - 17 have either been amended in accordance with the Amendments filed in the Response to Written Opinion in the priority application PCT/JP2004/016896, amended in accordance with the US rules of practice and not for reasons relating to patentability and/or typographical errors. The filing fee has been calculated according to the above-amendments.

A substitute specification in accordance with 37 CFR 1.125 is submitted herewith incorporating all the above referenced amendments for publication.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, an early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

The examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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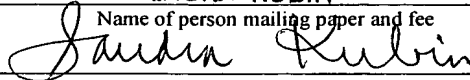
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